

IN THE CLAIMS

Please consider the following amended claims:

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended): ~~Substantially pure mammal~~ An isolated mammalian non-adrenergic receptor polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid that specifically hybridizes with SEQ ID NO: 2 or 13 or a complement thereof in the presence of 600 mM NaCl, 60 mM Na-citrate, 8mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 50 mM Na-phosphate, 1% Ficoll, 1% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 1% bovine serum albumin, 40% formamide, 0.2% SDS and 50 μ g/ml salmon sperm DNA, and remains hybridized after washing with 0.1X SSC and 0.05% SDS for 1 hour at 50°C, wherein said polypeptide comprises sites capable of binding iodocyanopindolol (ICYP) under blockade of α , β 1, β 2, β 3-AR, serotoninine 5-HT_{1A} and serotoninine 5-HT_{1B} receptors, and wherein said polypeptide mediates ~~inhibition of eosinophil chemotaxis~~ relaxation of depolarized-intestinal smooth muscle when expressed in a cell.

23. (Previously Presented): The polypeptide according to claim 22 comprising SEQ ID NO. 1 or SEQ ID NO. 14.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously Presented): An isolated and purified nucleic acid sequence encoding a mammalian receptor as claimed in claim 22.

26. (Previously Presented): The isolated and purified nucleic acid sequence of claim 25 comprising SEQ ID NO. 2 or SEQ ID NO. 13.

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Previously Presented): A cDNA clone, comprising an isolated and purified nucleic acid sequence according to claim 25.

30. (Withdrawn): A synthetic or non-synthetic nucleotide probe, characterized in that it hybridizes with a nucleic acid according to claim 25, or with its complementary sequence or its corresponding RNA, said probe being unable to hybridize with the genes or the messenger RNA coding for β -adrenergic receptors

31. (Withdrawn): A probe according to claim 30, selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 4 and SEQ ID No. 7 to SEQ ID No. 12.

32. (Withdrawn): A primer for amplifying a nucleic acid sequence according to claim 25, selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID No. 7 to SEQ ID no. 12.

33. (Previously Presented): A recombinant plasmid for cloning and/or expression, containing a nucleic acid sequence according to claim 25, inserted in a cloning site which is non-essential for replication.

34. (Previously Presented): The recombinant plasmid according to claim 33, further comprising an origin of replication for replication in a host cell, at least one gene whose expression permits selection of said host cell transformed with said plasmid, and a regulatory sequence, including a promoter permitting expression of said nucleic acid sequence in said host cell.

35. (Previously Presented): The recombinant plasmid according to claim 33, comprising plasmid pcDNA3 into which is inserted, in a multisite linker, SEQ ID No. 2, wherein said recombinant plasmid is deposited as CNCM No. I-1795.

36. (Previously Presented): A host cell transformed by a recombinant plasmid according to claim 33, comprising the elements of regulation necessary for the expression of said nucleotide sequence in said host cell.

37. (Previously Presented): The host cell according to claim 36, characterized in that it is a mammalian cell line.

38. (Withdrawn): An antibody directed specifically against the receptor polypeptide of claim 22, which antibody fails to recognize either known α or β -adrenergic, or serotonin, or dopamine receptors.

39. (Currently Amended): A method for assaying a substance for agonist or antagonist activity towards a receptor polypeptide of claim 22, which method comprises:

- placing the substance in contact with tissue membrane proteins or a transformed host cell expressing said receptor polypeptide under conditions which permit binding between said polypeptide binding sites and an agonist or an antagonist thereto and
- identifying agonist or antagonist activity by measuring ~~an appropriate signal transduction signal~~ relaxation of depolarized-intestinal smooth muscle.

40. (Withdrawn): A process for studying the binding affinity of a compound for a receptor polypeptide of claim 22, which process comprises:

- transforming a host cell by an expression vector comprising a nucleotide sequence coding for said receptor polypeptide,
- culturing said transformed host cell under conditions which permit the expression of said receptor polypeptide encoded by said nucleotide sequence and the transfer of the expressed receptor polypeptide to the membrane of the said transformed host cell so that transmembrane sequences of said receptor polypeptide are embedded in the cell membranes of the transformed host cell;
- placing said transformed host cell in contact with said compound and
- measuring the quantity of said compound bound to said receptor polypeptide.

41. (Withdrawn): A process for studying the binding affinity of a compound for a receptor polypeptide of claim 22, which process comprises:

- extracting membrane proteins corresponding to said receptor polypeptide from appropriate tissue or cells,
- placing said membrane proteins in contact with said compound and
- measuring the quantity of said compound bound to said receptor polypeptide.

42. (Withdrawn): Method of labeling a receptor polypeptide of claim 22, which method comprises:

- extracting membrane proteins from a tissue containing said receptor polypeptide,
- labeling said membrane proteins with [¹²⁵I]-ICYP-diazirine or another appropriate marker under blockade of α , β 1, β 2, β 3-AR and serotonin receptors,
- separating said labeled proteins by preparative SDS-PAGE electrophoresis and

- extracting the radioactive band.

43. (Withdrawn): A probe according to claim 31, further comprising a label.

44. (Withdrawn): A probe according to claim 43, wherein the label is a radioactive isotope, a detectable enzyme or a fluorochrome.

45. (Withdrawn): A process according to claim 41, wherein the appropriate tissue or cells comprise muscle tissue or myocytes.

46. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 42, wherein the tissue containing said receptor polypeptide comprises rat colon tissue or human skeletal muscle tissue.

47. (Cancelled).

48. (Cancelled).

49. (New): The polypeptide according to claim 22, wherein said polypeptide comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5 and SEQ ID NO: 6.